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Dear Sir:

We are enclosing:

1. Information Disclosure Statement with copies of references;
2. PTO Form 1449;
3. Priority Document (DE 103 34 722.4);
3. Transmittal letter in duplicate; and
4. Postcard.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any such fees, if necessary to Deposit Account No. 01-0467 in the name of Ohlandt, Greeley, Ruggiero & Perle. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 23, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

37 C.F.R. 1.98 does not require a copy of U.S. patents or published U.S. patent applications to be included with an information disclosure statement. Accordingly, Applicant is not including a copy of any U.S. patent or published U.S. patent application.

We are also enclosing copies of the non-US references listed on the attached PTO-1449.

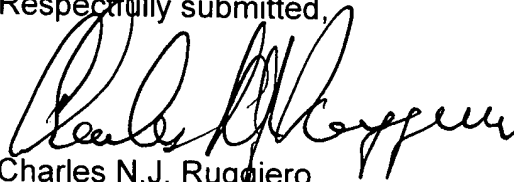
It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the

Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of the first Office Action based on the merits, no petition or fee is required.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N.J. Ruggiero", written over the typed name.

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	1,880,414	October 4, 1932	J. G. CAPSTAFF			
	2,183,249	December 12, 1939	H. SCHERING ET AL.			
	2,186,123	January 9, 1940	K. RÄNTSCH ET AL.			
	3,541,323	November 17, 1970	H. S. STEWART ET AL.			
	3,941,475	March 2, 1976	SHEETS			
	3,988,066	October 26, 1976	SUZUKI ET AL.			
	4,109,304	August 22, 1978	KHVALOVSKY ET AL.			
	4,155,630	May 22, 1970	IH			
	4,241,389	December 23, 1980	HEIMER			
	4,444,456	April 24, 1984	JAIN ET AL.			
	4,497,013	January 29, 1985	OHTA			

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	EP 1 024 408	August 2, 2000	EUROPE			X	
	WO 2002/27401	April 4, 2004	WIPO			X	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	* International Search Report based on PCT/EP2004/003854 dated October 13, 2005
	* Written Opinion based on PCT/EP2004/003854 dated February 9, 2006

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	4,683,524	July 28, 1987	OHTA			
	4,918,583	April 17, 1990	KUDO ET AL.			
	4,936,665	June 26, 1990	WHITNEY			
	5,098,184	March 24, 1992	VAN DEN BRANDT ET AL.			
	5,237,367	August 17, 1993	KUDO			
	5,335,044	August 2, 1994	SHIRAISHI			
	5,594,526	January 14, 1997	MORI ET AL.			
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	6,438,199	August 20, 2002	SCHULTZ ET AL.			
	6,452,661	September 17, 2002	KOMATSUDA			
	6,573,978	June 3, 2003	MCGUIRE, JR.			
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